

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation will hold a public hearing on January 4, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 1, Level 2, 30 West Spring Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, to consider the following rules as summarized below.

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| 4167-1-01 | Definitions. |
| 4167-2-02 | Complaint by public employee. |
| 4167-3-05 | Ohio specific safety standards. |
| 4167-4-01 | Notice to employees. |
| 4167-5-02 | Petition for a modification of abatement date. |
| 4167-5-03 | Undue hardship. |
| 4167-6-01 | Recording and reporting occupational injuries and illnesses. |
| 4167-6-10 | Reporting fatalities, hospitalization, amputations, and loss of an eye as a result of work-related incidents. |
| 4167-7-01 | Variances from Ohio public employment risk reduction standards. |
| 4167-8-01 | Inspection and investigation procedures. |
| 4167-8-03 | Citations. |
| 4167-14-01 | Contests of citations. |

Chapter 4167 of the Administrative Code contains the rules governing the Public Employment Risk Reduction Program ("PERRP"). The mission of PERRP is to ensure public employees in Ohio have safe and healthful working conditions. PERRP is distinct from the program operated by OSHA, which covers only private sector employees. PERRP provides compliance assistance to public employers and investigates reports of unsafe working conditions.

Twenty-five of the twenty-seven rules contained in Chapter 4167 of the Administrative Code are subject to five-year rule review under R.C. 119.032. These twelve Chapter 4167 rules are due for review January 1, 2024.

The full and complete text of the proposed rules is available on the Register of Ohio (<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us>) and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Rules Under Review (<https://info.bwc.ohio.gov/about-bwc/agency-overview/ohio-administrative-code/OAC-rules-under-review>) websites, and is on file in the office of the Secretary of State (180 East Broad Street, 15th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the Legislative Service Commission



(77 South High Street, 9th Floor, Columbus, Ohio), the office of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (77 South High Street, Concourse Level, Columbus, Ohio), and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation, Legal Division (30 West Spring Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio).

All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard. Any interested party unable to attend the public hearing may submit written comments to the undersigned prior to the public hearing at enotification@bwc.state.oh.us.

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